

BUT THEN-

ZZT!

ELECTRIC  
SHOCK BLASTS  
AND I'M STILL  
TOO WEAK TO  
DISPERSE THEM!



BUT PERHAPS I CAN  
GROUND THEM!

AS SOLAR FLINGS THE METAL HULL SECTION-

CRACKLE!!

CRACKLE!!

NOW THE LETHAL  
RAYS ARE  
GROUNDED OKAY  
- BUT THAT THING  
IS MOVING ON  
ME FAST!

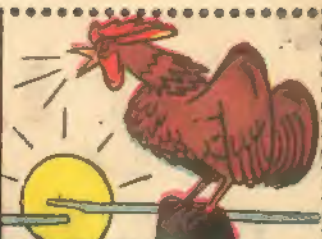
QUICKLY, THE MAN OF THE ATOM INCREASES  
MOLECULAR ACTIVITY OF HIS ATOMIC BEING...

BY CONVERTING MYSELF  
INTO A HOT GASEOUS  
FORM, I CAN MAKE THE  
QUICKEST EXIT!

- BECAUSE  
HEAT RISES!



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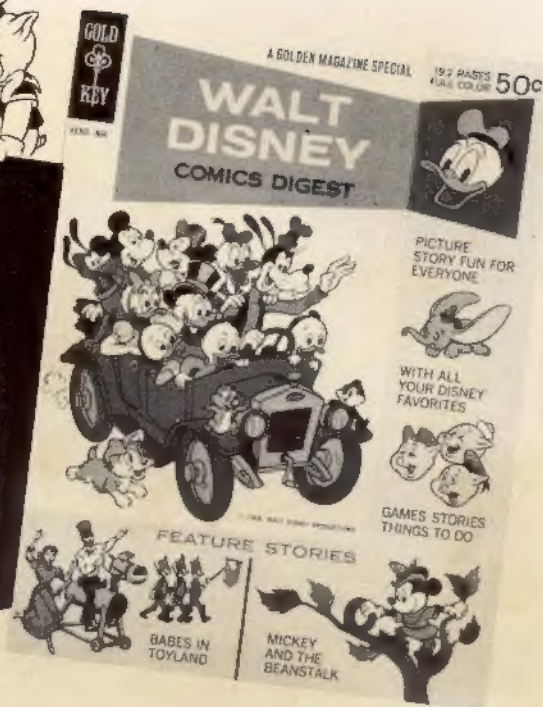


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# DOCTOR SOLAR

## THE DEADLY TRIO

**N**URO'S THREE MECHANICAL MONSTERS HAD STRUCK—AND THE MAN OF THE ATOM AT LONG LAST SEEMED HOPELESSLY DOOMED! FOR IT APPEARED NO POWER ON EARTH COULD COMBAT THE MIGHTY MASTERS OF LAND, SEA AND AIR!

WE HAVE *WON*, ORUN! OUR ATOMIC NEMESIS IS *FINISHED*!



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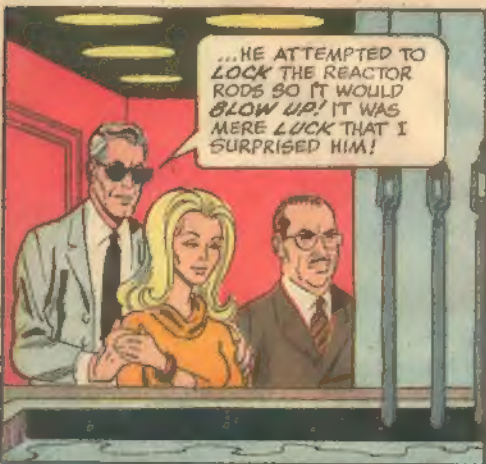
AT ATOM VALLEY, DR. SOLAR AND HIS COLLEAGUES DISCUSS THE PLOT THAT NEARLY DESTROYED THE VITAL ATOMIC COMPLEX...

FANTASTIC! HUGHTON, THE MAN WHO SUPPOSEDLY SAVED THREE TOP GOVERNMENT SECURITY MEN TO BECOME A HERO, WAS ACTUALLY A SPY-ATTEMPTING TO DESTROY THE VALLEY!

YES, DR. CLARKSON...

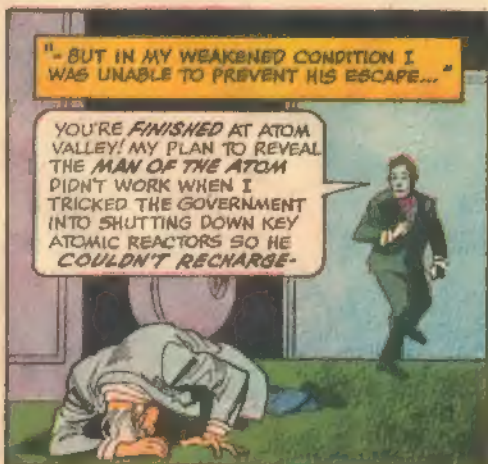


...HE ATTEMPTED TO LOCK THE REACTOR RODS SO IT WOULD BLOW UP! IT WAS MERE LUCK THAT I SURPRISED HIM!



"- BUT IN MY WEAKENED CONDITION I WAS UNABLE TO PREVENT HIS ESCAPE..."

YOU'RE FINISHED AT ATOM VALLEY! MY PLAN TO REVEAL THE MAN OF THE ATOM DIDN'T WORK WHEN I TRICKED THE GOVERNMENT INTO SHUTTING DOWN KEY ATOMIC REACTORS SO HE COULDN'T RECHARGE-



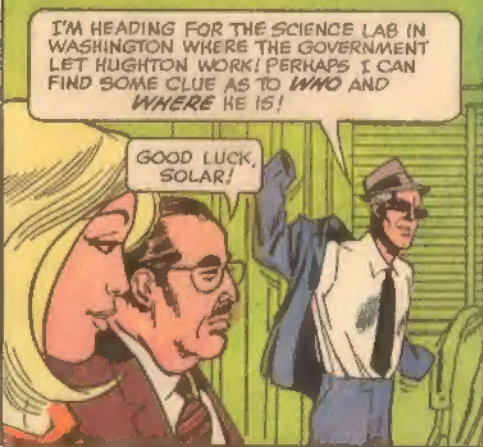
- BUT NO POWER ON EARTH CAN STOP ATOM VALLEY FROM BLOWING TO KINGDOM COME! HA, HA!

HUGHTON-A SABOTEUR!  
-HE'S RIGGED THE REACTOR-TO B-BLOW!



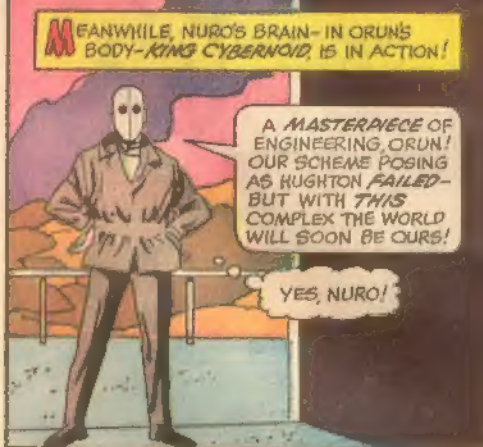
"THANK GOODNESS HE DIDN'T KNOW I WAS THE MAN OF THE ATOM AND THAT I COULD SAFELY UNLOCK THE REACTOR RODS..."





I'M HEADING FOR THE SCIENCE LAB IN WASHINGTON WHERE THE GOVERNMENT LET HUGHTON WORK! PERHAPS I CAN FIND SOME CLUE AS TO *WHO* AND *WHERE* HE IS!

GOOD LUCK, SOLAR!



MEANWHILE, NURO'S BRAIN-IN ORUN'S BODY-KING CYBERNOID, IS IN ACTION!

A MASTERPIECE OF ENGINEERING, ORUN! OUR SCHEME POSING AS HUGHTON *FAILED*—BUT WITH *THIS* COMPLEX THE WORLD WILL SOON BE OURS!

YES, NURO!

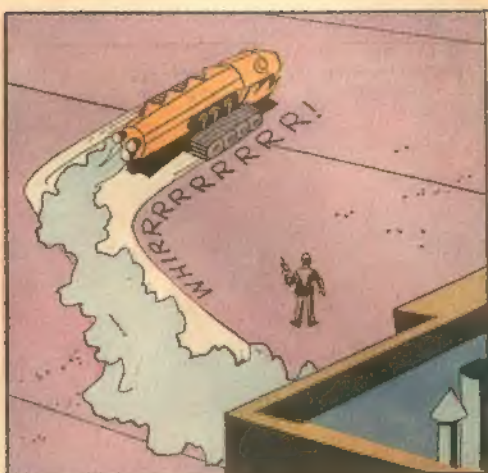


A COMPLETELY AUTOMATED PLANT TURNING OUT THREE MONSTER MACHINES THAT CAN CONQUER *LAND*, *SEA* AND *AIR*!

AH! I SEE OUR FIRST ONE, THE *MASTER OF LAND*, IS COMPLETED!

ALL RIGHT ORUN, LET  
US TEST OUR LAND  
MASTER WITH THE  
CONTROL DIAL! DIRECT  
HIM OUT TO THE  
TESTING GROUNDS!

ZZZZT!



MOMENTS LATER, ORUN CONTROLS  
THE DIAL VIA NURO'S MIND...

GOOD! GOOD! IT SEEMS  
TO BE FUNCTIONING  
PERFECTLY!

WHIRRR!

GRRRRR!

THEN ...

A MAMMOTH TRENCH A HUNDRED  
YARDS LONG MADE IN SECONDS!  
WONDERFUL!

HUMMMMMMM

AND AS KING CYBERNOID  
MOVES THE CONTROL DIAL  
AGAIN—

LOOK AT THAT,  
NURO!

JUST AS I PLANNED—MY LAND  
MASTER HAS THE VIBRATION POWER  
OF A THOUSAND LOCOMOTIVES!  
IT'S SHAKING THOSE BRICK  
BUILDINGS APART AS IF THEY  
WERE MADE OF CANDY!

RUMBLE!  
C-CRAACK!

NOW LET'S SEE  
WHAT OUR AIR  
MASTER CAN DO!

TURN THE DIAL!  
HE'S BEEN COMPLETED  
IN THE FACTORY  
BY NOW!

ZZZZ!  
RUMBLE!

AS THE CONTROL DIAL IS MOVED AGAIN,  
AN INCREDIBLE MACHINE GLIDES  
OUT OF THE PLANT...

FIRST—LET US SEE  
WHAT KIND OF A  
HURRICANE WIND  
IT CAN SET UP!

SHHHHHH



THERE! THAT  
PASSENGER  
JET SHOULD  
MAKE A GOOD  
TEST!

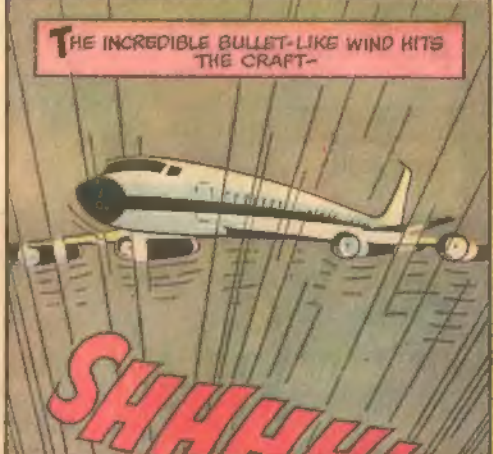
TURN ON ITS  
BULLET WIND-  
STORM, ORUN!



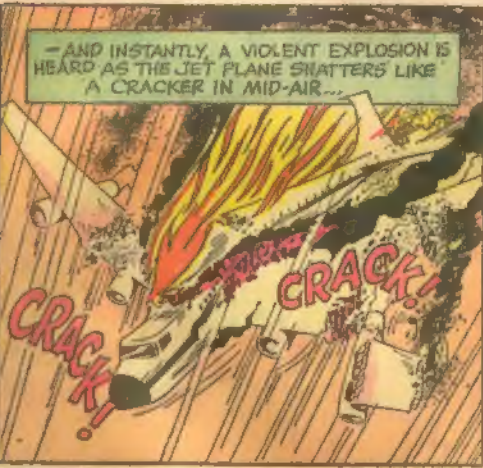
WHOOOSH!

ABRUPTLY, A SHAFT OF SUPERVELOCITY  
AIR BLASTS FROM THE MONSTROUS  
MACHINE...

THE INCREDIBLE BULLET-LIKE WIND HITS  
THE CRAFT-



SHHHH...

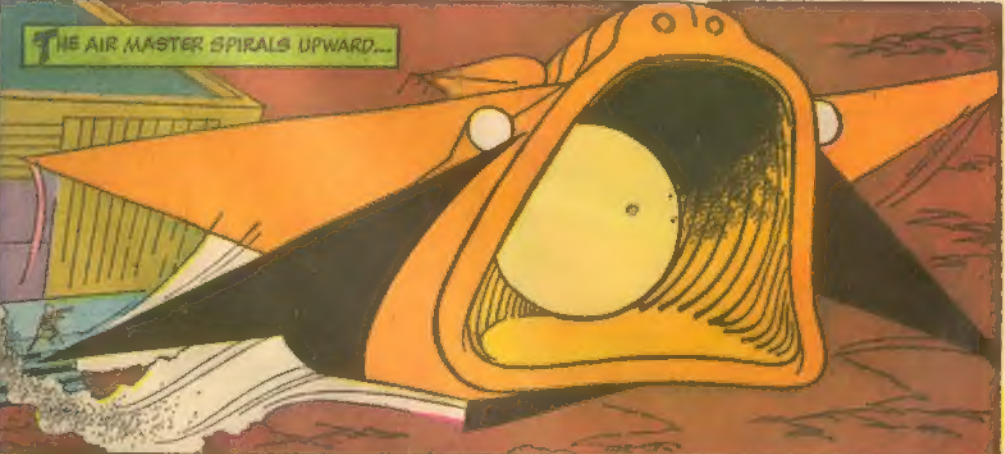


- AND INSTANTLY, A VIOLENT EXPLOSION IS  
HEARD AS THE JET PLANE SHATTERS LIKE  
A CRACKER IN MID-AIR...

CRACK!

HA HA! REMARKABLE!  
THE AUTHORITIES  
WILL BELIEVE A  
FREAK CURRENT  
TORE THAT SHIP  
APART!

NOW, OR UN-  
LET US SEE  
OUR AIR  
MASTER  
MAKE A  
TORNADO!



THE AIR MASTER SPIRALS UPWARD...

FOR LONG MINUTES IT WHIPLASHES THE COUNTRYSIDE...

YIIII! A TORNADO! B-BUT WE NEVER HAVE THEM IN THESE PARTS. HOW COULD IT BE?

MURO'S MIND WITHIN ORUN'S BODY RACES WILD WITH JOY!

BEAUTIFUL! A CONTROLLED TORNADO!

RETURN IT, ORUN AND BRING OUT THE SEA MASTER FOR TESTING!

SO, TRY AT A NEARBY LAKE THE SEA MASTER IS TESTED

IT'S HITTING TWO HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR! GOOD, GOOD! NOW LET US SEE IF IT CAN CREATE...

-A WATERSPOUT!!

AND AS THE SPIRALING MOTION OF THE MACHINE TOGETHER WITH ITS INGENUOUS SUCTION DEVICE, LASHES THE WATER...

AND AS NURO DIRECTS THE WATERSPOUT  
TO A FUMW VESSEL

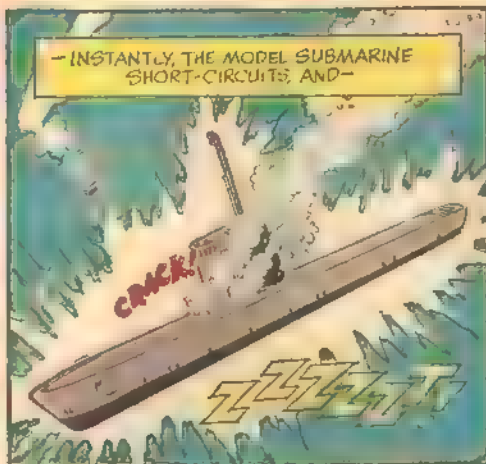
HA! A WATERSPOUT WITH  
FORCE ENOUGH TO DESTROY  
THE GREATEST BATTLESHIP!  
ADJUST THE CONTROLS TO  
SUBMERGE IT, OR UN! WE  
WILL TEST ITS ELECTRICAL  
POWERS!



BENEATH THE WATER THE SEA MASTER  
MOVES IN ON A SUBMARINE



—INSTANTLY, THE MODEL SUBMARINE  
SHORT-CIRCUITS, AND—

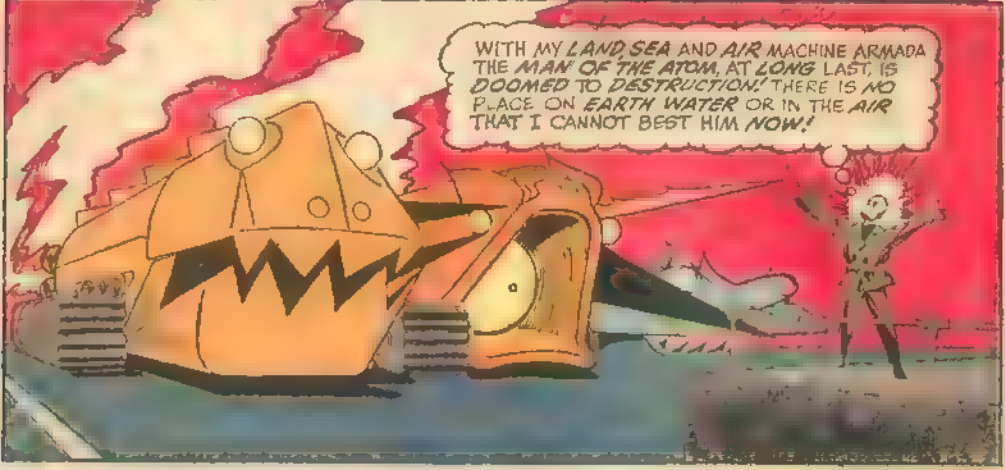


IN A FINAL DISPLAY OF AWESOME  
POWER THE MACHINE DRIES  
THE LAKE DRY!

THE LAKE DRAINED  
DRY IN FOUR MINUTES!  
MY SEA MASTER HAS  
THE POWER OF A  
THOUSAND SHIP  
BILGE PUMPS!

Swooooooshhh!





WITH MY LAND SEA AND AIR MACHINE ARMADA  
THE MAN OF THE ATOM, AT LONG LAST, IS  
DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION! THERE IS NO  
PLACE ON EARTH WATER OR IN THE AIR  
THAT I CANNOT BEST HIM NOW!

WHILE IN WASHINGTON, DR SOLAR  
SEES A VITAL PAPER IN HUGHTON'S  
FORMER LABORATORY—

THAT'S RIGHT,  
DR CLARKSON!  
I HAVE A RECEIPT  
HERE INDICATING  
HUGHTON PURCHASED  
PROPERTY IN THE  
CENTER CITY AREA!  
I'M LEAVING AT  
ONCE!

GOOD WORK, SOLAR!  
GO AFTER HIM!

LATER SOLAR QUERIES REAL ESTATE  
PEOPLE IN CENTER CITY

HUGHTON? NO NO SIR! I'D  
KNOW IN A MINUTE IF HE  
PURCHASED PROPERTY IN THE  
AREA! WHY THE WHOLE WORLD  
IS FAMILIAR WITH HIS FACE!

YES OF  
COURSE

PRETTY SILLY OF ME!  
IF HUGHTON WAS  
OPERATING HERE HE'D  
CERTAINLY HAVE A  
FRONT MAN— SOME-  
ONE THAT WOULDN'T  
BE RECOGNIZED!

DR. SOLAR!! WHAT  
IS HE DOING HERE?!

the Atom has ever flown is at the speed of light. This is approximately 186,000 miles per second.

What is the yellow and black emblem on Solar's suit, over his chest?

CHRIS BRUSH, / Richland, Washington

The emblem on Solar's chest is the National symbol for radiation. This is the same symbol which is posted outside air raid shelters so that people will know that they can enter and be safe from radiation. Since Solar is radio-active, he wears the symbol to warn strangers that he gives off dangerous radiation.

I never heard of DOCTOR SOLAR before so could you please tell me some things about Solar? The only thing I know about him is that he got his powers in an accident. What was the accident? Numbers 4 and 13 were incredible and the cover of 14 was marvelous. Number 13 was great with those prehistoric monsters in it.

GORDON B. SCHREIBER, / Toronto, Canada

Solar was exposed to intensive radiation when he tried to rescue a fellow scientist from an atomic reaction that was close to exploding. The other scientist died, but Solar was transformed from a normal human being into a radio-active man of the atom. He is much like a piece of radium that gives off energy, or a radio-active isotope which must be exposed to radiation in order to be "recharged". Solar must periodically recharge himself by entering the same atomic reactor that changed him.

We are glad you enjoy the comics

I am a fan of your comics. Recently, I added the only two comics I will buy are MAGNUS and SOLAR. Why? Because your two comics are the best, that's why. In the "Letter Page" the subject of putting Solar on TV came up. You guys must hate money. Put Solar on TV and you will make a bundle of it. But you have to keep him good in comics. Here are several points. 1. No Solar boy or Solar girl. 2. Keep his secret identity a tight secret. 3. Don't add or kill off any of the main characters. 4. By all means, keep Nuro. 5. No more space visitors from other planets. 6. No space monsters like the "Vanishing Oceans." 7. No amazing super villains. Nuro is perfect. 8. Publish it more often. 9. Make your letter column three pages long. 10. No costume changes. These are my ten commandments to you

Anatomically yours,

STEVE MCCARROLL, / Biloxi, Miss.

You will be pleased that most of your suggestions are being followed. We are not eliminating Nuro, but he is undergoing quite a change. We believe he will be more dangerous and a greater villain than he was before

The Editors

# SOLAR'S SCIENCE FORUM

I enjoy your comic very much and have just finished reading #14. Since so many people have written to you about putting Solar on TV why don't you make an agreement with some sort of cartoon company? Are you ever going to give Solar a first name? How about Steve? Please do not make a child or woman counterpart of Solar and do not have any more aliens and keep Solar. Do not change him a bit! Please?

JERRY WHEELER, / Flint, Michigan

We would like to see Solar on TV and will keep working to arrange it. Solar's first name is Raymond. There is only one Solar and we don't intend to create a woman or a boy version. It would be very unlikely for the same set of circumstances to ever produce a being like Solar again.

Are you crazy, or something? The issue of "The Day Solar Died" was pretty good. If you ask me, I think he was alive and active. How come you said he died? I know his memory died, but you said that Solar died. I bet you can't get out of this jam. If you do, you are a genius.

TONY CRAIG / McAllen, Texas

We were using a figure of speech. Solar was "dead" as far as being able to perform his usual functions. When he returned to normal, you might say he returned from the dead.

Would you please send me a picture of Doctor Solar?

MIKE WATKINS, / Wilmington, North Carolina

Sorry, we don't have any separate pictures of Doctor Solar to send to you. We run pin-ups on the back covers so that you can save them. These are in action and in color. They seem to look better than a black and white photo. We hope you agree.

I am eleven years old, and I think DOCTOR SOLAR is the greatest. Has Solar ever met The Phantom? If he hasn't will he and The Phantom ever meet? What is the fastest rate the Man of the Atom has ever flown?

REGAN BRANDON, / Abilene, Texas

The chances of Doctor Solar and The Phantom ever meeting are very, very remote. They live in different worlds. The Phantom spends most of his time in the jungle, while Solar works in Atom Valley. The fastest The Man of

Prof. H. H. H. H.

# CATERPILLAR CUTUPS

AH, MY FRIENDS, WE **ALL** KNOW CATERPILLARS! THAT IS, WE *THINK* WE DO!

FOUR-HORNED SPHINX

TIGER  
SWALLOWTAIL

SAW-TOOTHED  
CATERPILLAR

BUT THERE ARE MANY THINGS ABOUT THESE LITTLE CREATURES THAT CAN SURPRISE AND TERRIFY ONE!

THEY **APPEAR** TO BE CUTE LITTLE FELLOWS, DON'T THEY? LIKE THIS ONE CALLED THE QUESTION MARK CATERPILLAR!

BUT **ACTUALLY** HOW **CUTE** ARE THEY? THERE ARE MANY VARIETIES- SLUGLIKE, SPOTTED, STRIPED, SPINY AND WOOLLY! AND MOST OF THEM MEAN **TROUBLE!**

THE CATERPILLARS ARE THE  
ENEMY OF BUTTERFLIES AND  
MOTHS. THEY ARE SOME OF  
THE PLANT KINGDOM'S WORST  
PESTS. LET'S LOOK AT ONE  
MORE CLOSELY. THE TIGER  
MOTHS.  
WAAAAA...

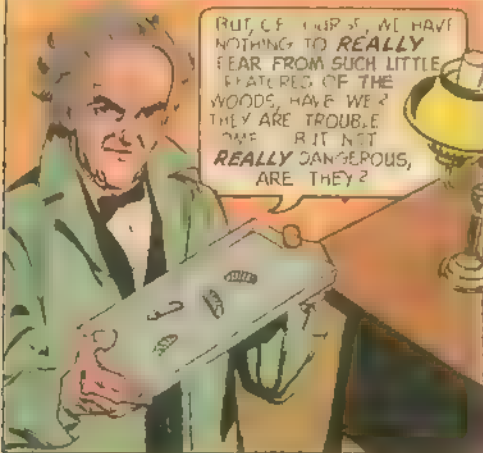
"IN MINUTES, THIS  
MINIATURE MONSTER  
CAN EAT HIS WEIGHT  
IN ELM LEAVES..."

YES, INDEED THEY MONSTERS  
THEY ARE. AS WE OBSERVE  
THEM CLOSELY, WE SEE THAT  
NOTHING OF OLD HAD  
SUCH FERCE EXPRESSIONS!  
HERE WE HAVE THE **FOUR-  
HORNED SPHINX**, THE **SAW-TOOTHED**  
AND THE **YELLOW-NECKED ATERPILL**. ARE  
NOT THEY **FRIENDLY** LOOKING, ARE THEY?

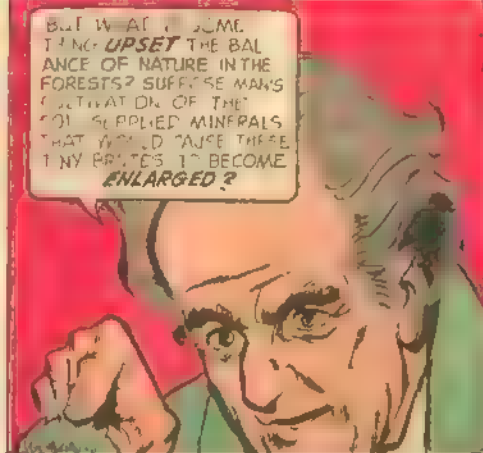
"HAPPY VALLEY IN THE FOREST IS  
A FARMER'S DREAM...  
...FROM THE ASHES OF  
THESE CRAWLING CREATURES!"

8. IT MORE DEADLY THAN THE  
**FRIGHTENING POPULATION EXPLOSION!**  
**HIGHWAYS BECOME BLOCKED...**

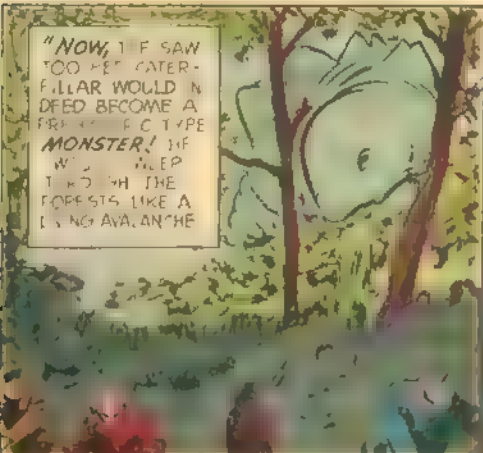
GR-GREAT CAESAR! (THE  
HIGHWAYS FLOODED WITH  
...**CATERPILLARS!**)



BUT OF COURSE, WE HAVE  
NOTHING TO **REALLY**  
FEAR FROM SUCH LITTLE  
FEATHERED OF THE  
WOODS, HAVE WE?  
THEY ARE TROUBLE  
BUT NOT  
**REALLY** DANGEROUS,  
ARE THEY?



BUT WHAT IF SOME  
THING **UPSET** THE BAL-  
ANCE OF NATURE IN THE  
FORESTS? SUPPOSE MAN'S  
CUTTING DOWN OF THE  
TODAY SUPPLIED MINERALS  
THAT WOULD CAUSE THESE  
TINY BIRDS TO BECOME  
**ENLARGED?**



"NOW, IF I SAW  
TOO MANY CATER-  
PILLAR WOULD IN-  
DEED BECOME A  
PREHENSILE TYPE  
**MONSTER!** IF  
WE COULD  
TALK WITH THE  
FORESTS LIKE A  
PERSON, WOULD THEY



"LEAVES ALONE (OULD  
NOT SAY... AS  
FIND... THE  
AND... R  
AND... LIMBS...



"THE TIGER SWALLOW-  
TAIL WOULD MOST  
LIKELY INVADE **TOWNS...**"

**YIIIIII!** HERE COMES  
TH-THE GIANT **TIGER**  
SWALLOWTAIL AGAIN!  
**RUN! RUN FOR**  
**YOUR LIVES!**

"WOODEN STRUCTURES  
WOULD BE ITS TAR-  
GET, PERHAPS...LIKE  
REFINED MARBLES  
OF THE FINEST TREES  
HE CAME FROM

EEEE!

AND THE FOUR KNEED  
SPHINX NO LONGER A  
TINY LITTLE FELLOW  
GNAWING ON LEAVES NOW  
HIS TARGET COULD BE  
ENTIRE GREENHOUSES...

HEH, HEH! BUT, NATURALLY,  
SUCH A FREAK THING IS  
HARDLY POSSIBLE! IT  
WOULD TAKE A MAMMOTH  
UPSET OF NATURE TO CREATE  
SUCH A CATASTROPHE, EH?

YIIII A-A  
GIANT TIGER  
SWALLOWTAIL!  
IT'S HAPPENED!  
THE CATER-  
PILLAR MON-  
STER ERA HAS  
ARRIVED!

PR-PROFESSOR  
HARBINGER! WHAT'S  
WRONG?

OH, HEH, HEH! *NOTHING*  
IS WRONG, MISS COLLINS!  
I, ER, WAS JUST PLAYING  
A LITTLE ER JOKE  
ON MYSELF!

CUTE, HARMLESS LITTLE  
CREATURES, AREN'T THEY,  
MISS COLLINS?

WH-WHY, YES, I  
NEVER THOUGHT  
OF CATERPILLARS  
AS BEING  
**DANGEROUS,**  
PROFESSOR!



# GOLD KEY COMICS CLUB NEWS



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## KNOCK! KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?

Accordion.

Accord on who?

Accordion to the paper it's going to rain.

This great Knock Knock joke came from Linda Miles of Salisbury, Connecticut.

Are you there when it comes to KNOCK KNOCK jokes? We've decided that since they are such fun we will include some of them in the JOKES ON YOU page along with riddles and jokes.

When we do print these KNOCK KNOCKS, in order to avoid saying "Knock knock" and "Who's there" each time, we'll just do it this way: Howie.

Howie who?

Howie about some Knock Knocks from you Gold Key Comics Club members!

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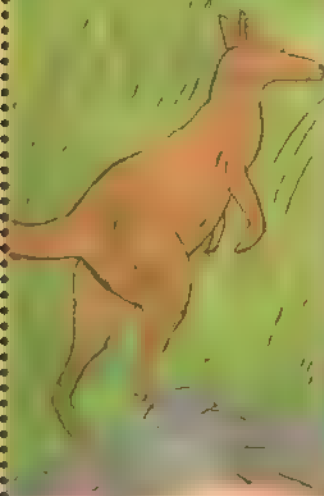
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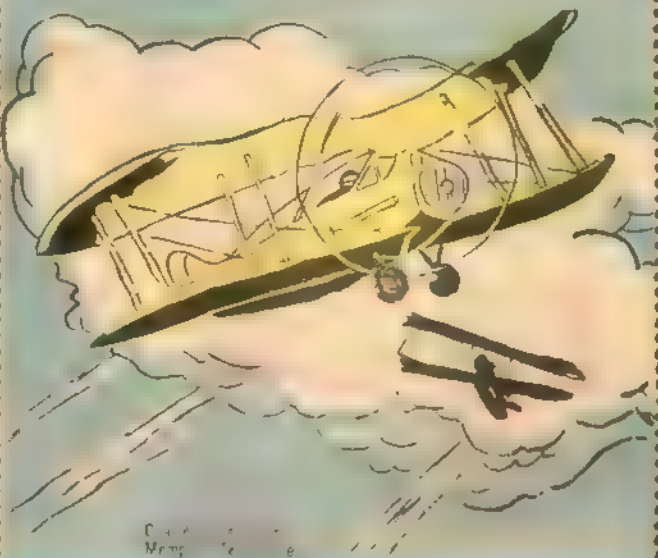
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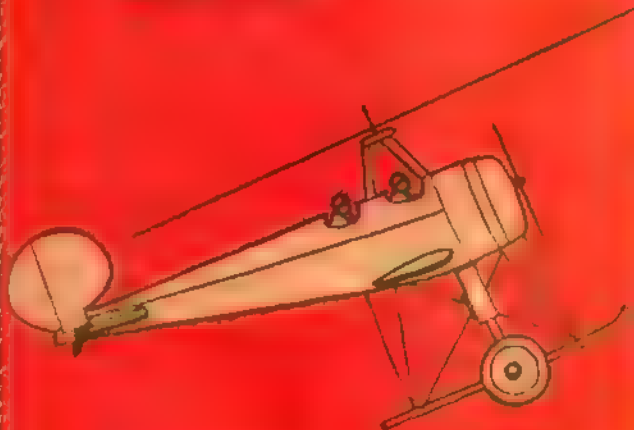
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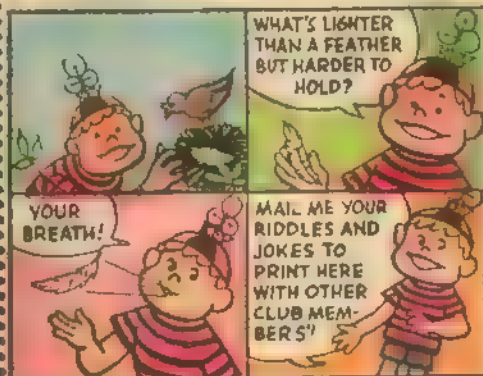
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# JOKES ON YOU



**Riddle:** What is the difference between a running man and a running dog?

**Answer:** The man wears trousers and the dog pants.

Patrick Bragg—Chicago, Illinois

**Duane:** Where should a dressmaker make her shop?

**Marlene:** On the outskirts of the city.

Scott Hannah—Troy, Ohio

**Riddle:** Why can't a bike stand up by itself?

**Answer:** Because it's two-tired!

Terry Deal—Allsville, Pennsylvania

**Riddle:** Why does the rain pour down in sheets?

**Answer:** To cover the river bed

Ricky Largin—Birmingham, Alabama

**Customer:** When I bought this cat you told me he was good for mice. He doesn't go near them

**Clerk:** Well, isn't that good for mice?

Vincent M. Lallo—Bronx, New York

**Mother:** What does that zero on your report card mean?

**Son:** That's no zero. The teacher ran out of stars, so she gave me a moon.

Sandra L. Kay—Parkersburg, West Virginia

**Riddle:** What day of the year is a command to go forward?

**Answer:** March fourth

Pamela Middleton—Albany, New York

**Man:** I'd like a round-trip ticket to the moon.  
**Ticket Seller:** Sorry, sir, the moon's full right now

Domino Fulco III—East Hartford, Connecticut

**Riddle:** Why is the rooster always so neat?

**Answer:** Because he always has his comb with him.

Karen Staszny—Union Grove, Wisconsin

**Riddle:** If a carrot and cabbage had a race which would win?

**Answer:** The cabbage, because it's a head.

Jean Hourhan—Jaxbridge, Massachusetts

**Tom:** I fell out of a ten-foot tree today.

**Harry:** Were you hurt?

**Tom:** No, I just fell three feet.

Gwen Bryant—Alceville, Alabama

**Lady (standing in the middle of a busy street):** Officer, can you tell me how to get to the hospital?

**Officer:** Just stand where you are.

James D. Rickard—Florence, Alabama

**Riddle:** During what month do people talk the least?

**Answer:** February — the shortest month of the year.

Jody Knoell—Lewellen, Nebraska

**Riddle:** What is a wisecracker?

**Answer:** A smart cookie

Linda Caspary—Fremont, California

**Riddle:** Why is a policeman the strongest man in the world?

**Answer:** Because he can hold up cars with one hand

Cathy Rose—Oakland, California

**Riddle:** Why is a cookbook exciting?

**Answer:** It has some stirring pages.

Gerald Romanzin—Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Judge:** Have you ever been up before me?

**Prisoner:** I don't know. What time do you get up?

Larry Prock—Wiburton, Oklahoma

**Riddle:** Why did the farmer feed his cow money?

**Answer:** To have rich milk.

Roberta Greenwell—Clearlake Highlands, California

**Riddle:** What did the beaver say to the tree?

**Answer:** It was nice gnawing you.

Ricky Freshart—Bellevue, Washington

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THE INFAMOUS NURD OBSERVES THE... A ONE WAY  
VIEW CAR WINDOW AND MOVES QUICKLY!

A-AN ELECTRICAL  
CHARGE...COMING  
FROM THAT  
LIMOUSINE!

# THE DEADLY TRIO PART II

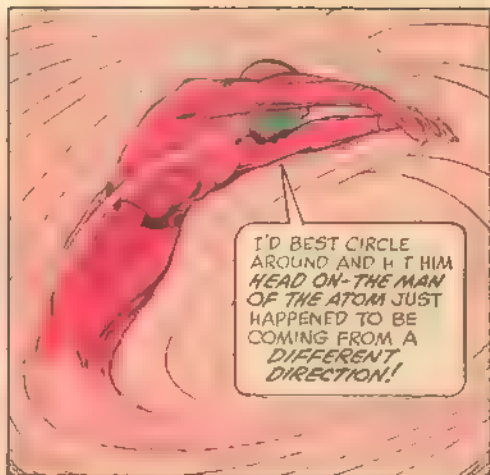
DOCTOR  
SOLAR

IT'S THE KING CYBERNOID  
CREATION OF NURD'S!  
MUST FEIGN THAT I'M  
MORTALLY WOUNDED...  
LIKE AN ORDINARY  
HUMAN BEING!



THEN, AS THE VEHICLE SPEEDS OFF

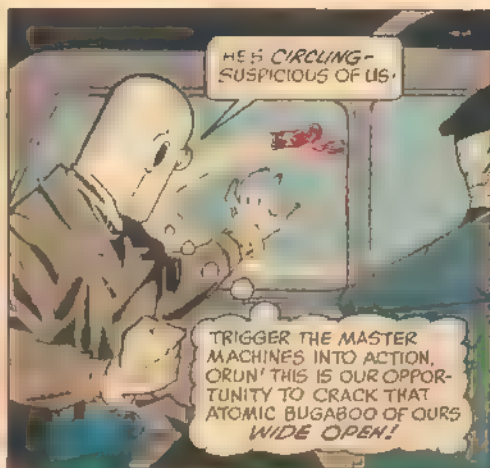
IF I RIDE A NUCLEAR  
BEAM AFTER THAT  
CHARACTER HE'LL  
KNOW MY TRUE  
IDENTITY!



I'D BEST CIRCLE  
AROUND AND HIT HIM  
HEAD ON-**THE MAN  
OF THE ATOM** JUST  
HAPPENED TO BE  
COMING FROM A  
DIFFERENT  
DIRECTION!

MAN OF THE ATOM-  
HE APPROACHED MASTER

WHAT?



HE'S CIRCLING-  
SUSPICIOUS OF US.

TRIGGER THE MASTER  
MACHINES INTO ACTION,  
ORUN! THIS IS OUR OPPOR-  
TUNITY TO CRACK THAT  
ATOMIC BUGABOO OF OURS  
WIDE OPEN!

DON'T TRY TO DRIVE THROUGH  
HIM! HE'LL JUST MELT THE  
VEHICLE DOWN!

THE LAND MASTER!  
DIRECT OUR MASTER  
OF LAND HERE AT  
ONCE ORUN!



**A** ... HE SCREECHES TO A STOP

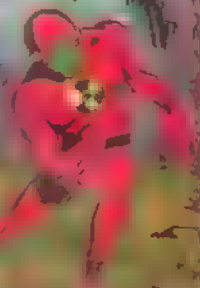
HE'S STOPPED...I'D LIKE  
TO TAKE HIM ALIVE, IF  
POSSIBLE - FOR SCIENTIFIC  
STUDY! STRANGE THAT  
HUGHTON AND THE NURO  
MONSTER SHOULD BE IN  
THE SAME AREA...



**S**UDDENLY - A! THE MAN OF THE ATOM  
APPROACHES THE LIMOUSINE...

**RUMBLE**

WHAT A THUNDERATION?  
THE GROUND  
SHAKING AS IF AN  
EARTHQUAKE HAD HIT!

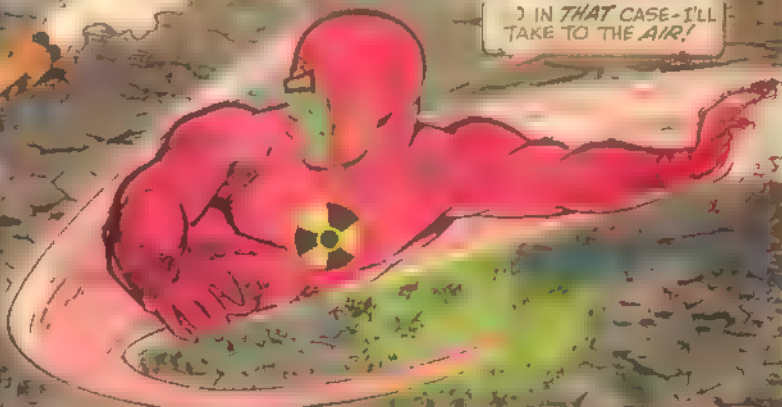


IT IS AN EARTHQUAKE! THAT MONSTER  
MAY BE MAKING ONE!

**RUMBLE!**  
CLANK!

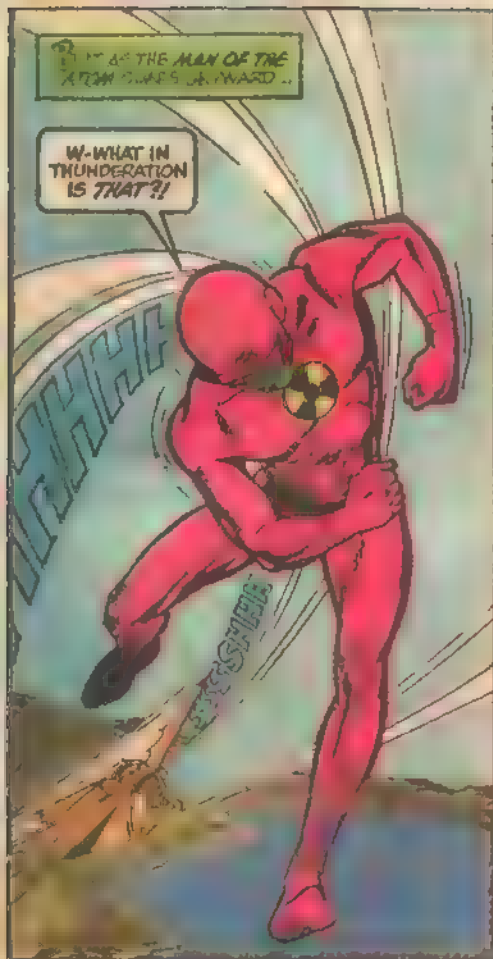


IN THAT CASE - I'LL  
TAKE TO THE AIR!



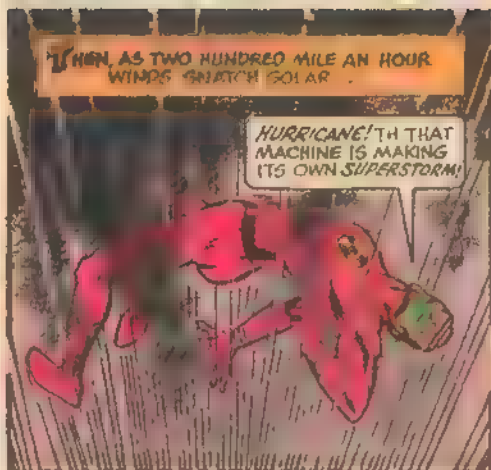
IT'S THE MAN OF THE  
ATOM WHO'S ONWARD...

W-WHAT IN  
THUNDERATION  
IS THAT?!



THEN, AS TWO HUNDRED MILE AN HOUR  
WINDS GRAB SOLAR...

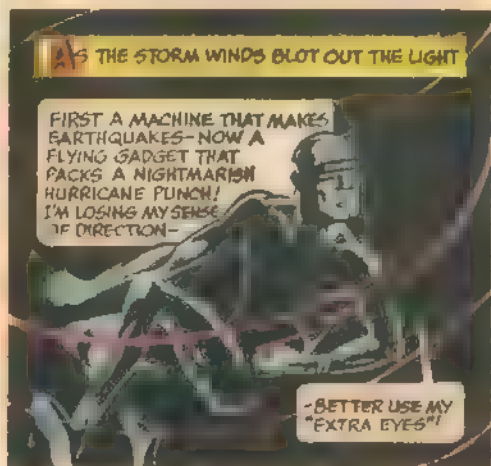
HURRICANE! TH THAT  
MACHINE IS MAKING  
ITS OWN SUPERSTORM!



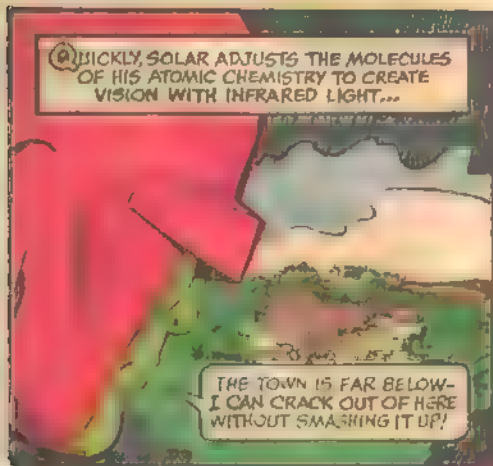
AS THE STORM WINDS BLOT OUT THE LIGHT

FIRST A MACHINE THAT MAKES  
EARTHQUAKES—NOW A  
FLYING GADGET THAT  
PACKS A NIGHTMARISH  
HURRICANE PUNCH!  
I'M LOSING MY SENSE  
OF DIRECTION—

-BETTER USE MY  
"EXTRA EYES"!



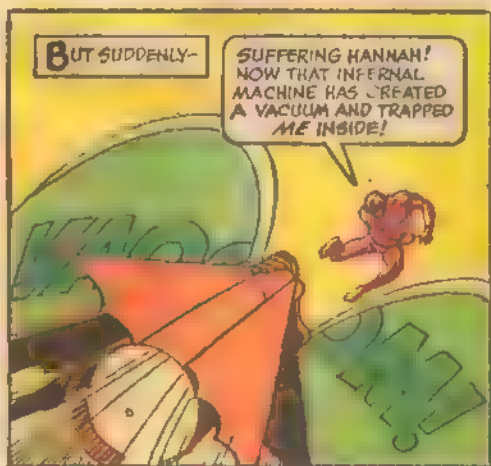
QUICKLY, SOLAR ADJUSTS THE MOLECULES  
OF HIS ATOMIC CHEMISTRY TO CREATE  
VISION WITH INFRARED LIGHT...



THE TOWN IS FAR BELOW—  
I CAN CRACK OUT OF HERE  
WITHOUT SMASHING IT UP!

BUT SUDDENLY—

SUFFERING HANNAH!  
NOW THAT INFERNAL  
MACHINE HAS CREATED  
A VACUUM AND TRAPPED  
ME INSIDE!



AGAIN THE ATOM MAN TEAM FORMS IT'S  
MATTER INTO A PULSE OF PRIMITIVE ELECTRICITY

A NUCLEAR LIGHTNING  
BOLT WILL GET ME OUT  
OF THIS AIRLESS SNARE!

CRACK!

BUT AS HIS BODY CARTWHEELS OVER THE  
NEARBY OCEAN FROM THE IMPACT...

A LITTLE SEA WATER WILL  
HELP COOL OFF MY SUPER-  
ELECTRIFIED BODY QUICKLY!

YIPES! ANOTHER  
MACHINE-RISING  
FROM THE WATER

POWERFUL STEEL TENTACLES  
CLUTCH SOLAR'S BODY AND-

CAUGHT! EXPENDING SO MUCH  
ENERGY HAS WEAKENED ME!

THE MAN OF THE ATOM SNATCHES A CAPSULE  
FROM HIS BELT AS HE IS DRAGGED UNDER...

A RADIATION PILL  
WILL MUSTER MY  
ATOMIC STRENGTH  
BACK QUICKLY! LOOKS  
LIKE I'LL NEED ALL  
I HAVE!

MADE IT!!  
BROKE FREE!

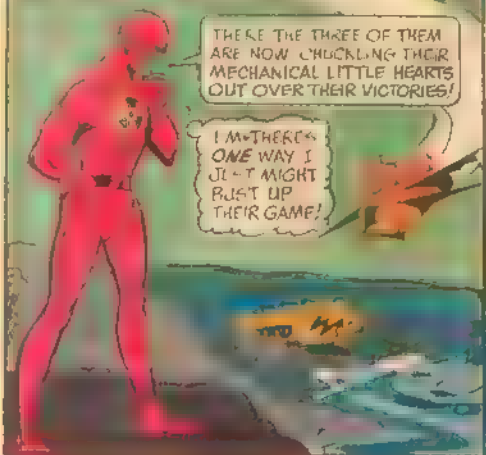
AS THE GAMBLERS FORM ROUND THE BETTING  
SOLAR ADJUSTS TO THE NORMAL F.D.

WHEW! GOT AWAY BY  
THE SKIN OF MY  
ATOMIC NECK AGAIN!  
SOME HERO I TURNED  
OUT TO BE - RUNNING  
LIKE A RABBIT FROM  
THREE MACHINES!



THERE THE THREE OF THEM  
ARE NOW CHUCKLING THEIR  
MECHANICAL LITTLE HEARTS  
OUT OVER THEIR VICTORIES!

I AM THERE'S  
ONE WAY I  
JUST MIGHT  
PUST UP  
THEIR GAME!

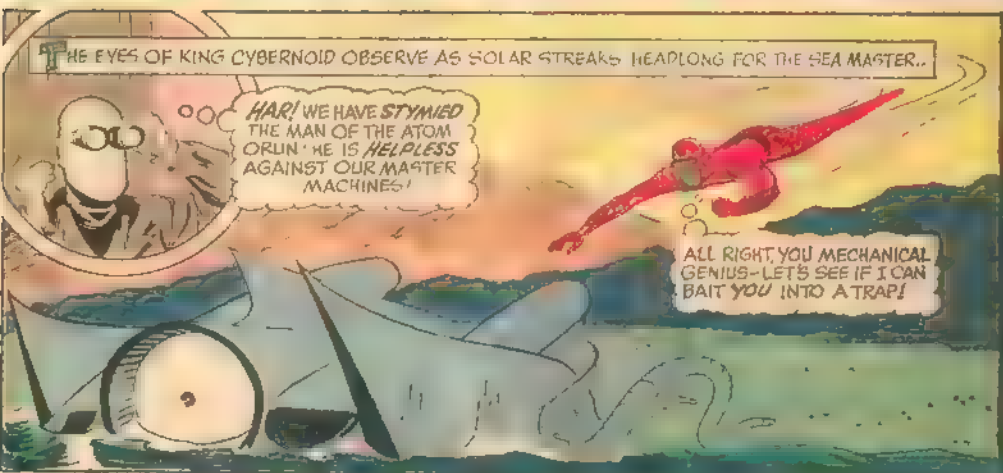


THE EYES OF KING CYBERNOID OBSERVE AS SOLAR STREAKS HEADLONG FOR THE SEA MASTER...

HAI! WE HAVE STYMIED  
THE MAN OF THE ATOM  
OR UN - HE IS **HELPLESS**  
AGAINST OUR MASTER  
MACHINES!



ALL RIGHT, YOU MECHANICAL  
GENIUS - LET'S SEE IF I CAN  
BAIT YOU INTO A TRAP!



SOLAR LURES THE MACHINE FORWARD...

SO FAR, SO GOOD - THE SEA  
BRUTE IS FOLLOWING ME  
ON TO LAND!

WHEW!



WITH RADIOACTIVE SIGHT PENETRATION, SOLAR  
FINDS WHAT HE SEEKS BENEATH THE GROUND...

A BED OF URANIUM  
ORE! AND MY ATOMIC  
CANNON IS CHARGING  
AND ACTIVATING IT!

THEN AS THE MASTER OF THE SEA  
FALLS OVER THE URANIUM—

SPUTTER!  
CRACKLE!

YOU'VE HAD  
T IRON BOY!  
THE RADIATION  
FROM THAT  
URANIUM IS  
SHORT CIRCUIT-  
ING YOUR  
DELICATE  
CONTROL PARTS

MEANWHILE...

OUR MASTER OF THE SEA  
IS BLOWING APART TRY  
TO CONTROL IT OR UN!

AND AS SOLAR'S SUPERSENSITIVE ATOMIC  
BRAIN PICKS UP THE SIGNALS...

RADIO SIGNALS COMING  
FROM THE WEST SEEMING  
TO CONTROL THE MACHINE!

I'LL HAVE TO DEAL  
THAT OUT LATER!  
AFTER I DEAL WITH  
THE OTHER SUPER  
GADGETS

LURING THE SEA MACHINE OUT  
OF ITS ELEMENT ONTO THE LAND  
WORKED NOW IF I CAN GET THE  
AIR MACHINE INTO THE SEA...

**A**T CLOSE TO THE SPEED OF LIGHT SOLAR CIRCLES  
THE MENACING MASTER OF THE AIR AND-

MUST WORK FAST!  
PULL IT DOWN INTO  
THE WATER WITH A  
DOWN BEAST BEFORE  
IT STARTS TO OWN  
AIR ACTION!



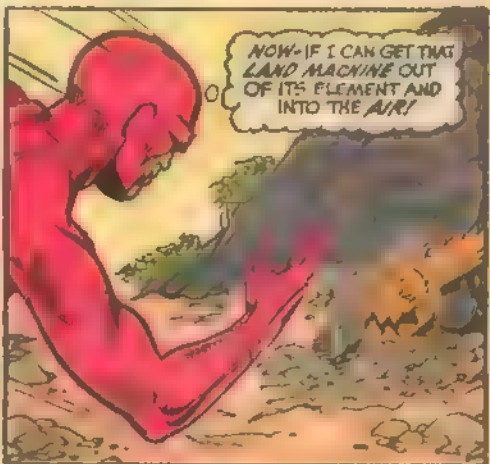
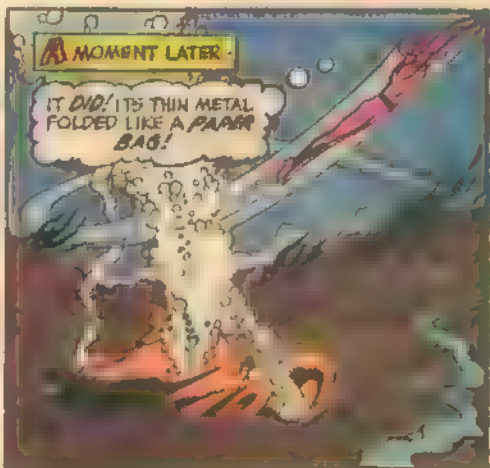
MADE IT! AND ITS  
MASTER IS SENDING  
OUT RADIO CONTROL  
SIGNALS AGAIN! GOT  
TO MAKE SURE ITS  
OUT OF ACTION FOR  
KEEPS!

**B**ELOW THE SURFACE, THE RADIO SIGNALS  
TRIGGER THE MASTER OF THE AIR INTO ACTION!

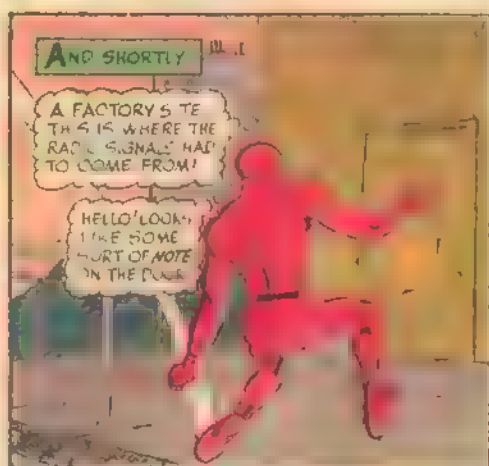
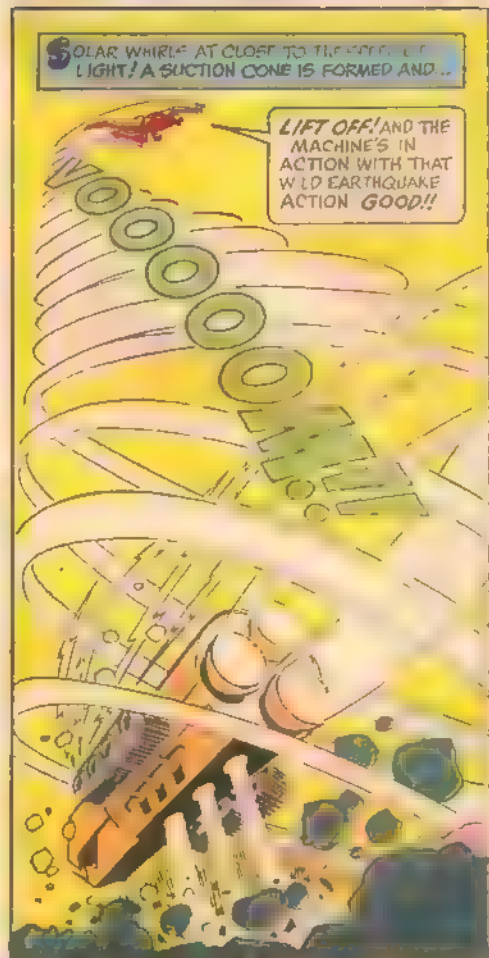
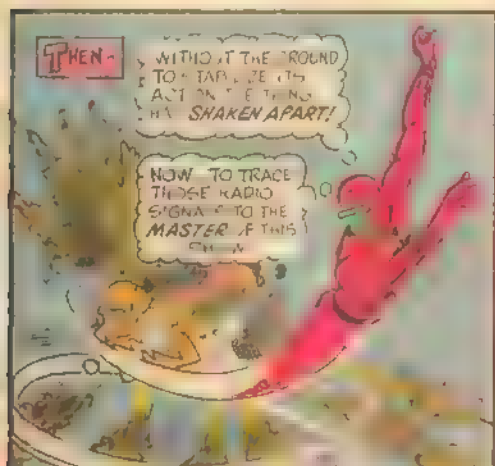
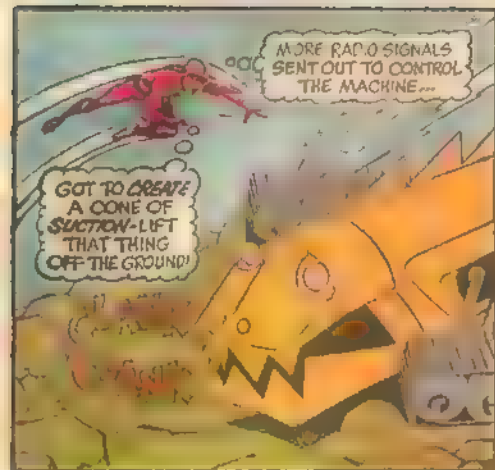
PERFECT!  
IT WAS CON-  
STRUCTED  
TO OPERATE  
WHERE THE  
AIR IS LIGHT!  
THE EXTREME  
PRESSURE OF  
THE DEEP  
WATER SHOULD  
CRUSH IT!

**A** MOMENT LATER

IT DID! ITS THIN METAL  
FOLDED LIKE A PAPER  
BAG!



NOW-IF I CAN GET THAT  
LAND MACHINE OUT  
OF ITS ELEMENT AND  
INTO THE AIR!



NURO? WHO HE'S BEEN NO  
IT ALL BUT WHAT N  
BLUE THUNDER CAN HE  
BE UP TO NOW??

READING THIS  
NOTE IS THE  
LAST THING  
YOU WILL  
EVER KNOW  
MAN OF THE  
ATOM  
7:00

W... L... M... AWAY!

NOW CAN  
E.T. NATE THE  
TWO TONS OF  
DYNAMITE!

S... H... G... M... N... N... N...

IN A DELUGE OF DEBRIS,  
HOLAR'S BODY IS HURLED  
SKYWARD, TORN AND TWISTED  
BY THE FEARFUL IMPACT!

KA-BLAM!

BLOWN INTO THAT CLOUD  
IN A THOUSAND PIECES!  
HE'S DONE FOR THIS TIME.  
ORUN! HA, HAAA!

THEN, A GENTLE RAIN STARTS TO FALL...

A STRANGE-LOOKING PUDDLE IS FORMED...

TH-THAT PUDDLE!  
LOOK AT THE  
COLORS IN IT!

ABRUPTLY, THE MAN OF THE  
ATOM'S RECONSTITUTED  
FORM STEPS FROM THE WATER

WHEW! PULLING MY  
ATOMIC CHEMISTRY  
TOGETHER THAT  
TIME TOOK SOME  
DOING! BUT NURO'S  
ESCAPED ME AGAIN!

Y-YIKES! H-HE'S PASTED  
HIMSELF TOGETHER  
LIKE A PUTTY DOLL!  
LET US LEAVE QUICKLY  
BEFORE HE SEES US.  
ORUN!

I WILL RUN TO FIGHT ANOTHER  
DAY- BUT I VOW WE WILL  
NEVER STOP UNTIL I DESTROY  
THE MAN OF THE ATOM!

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